

Family Focus

by Rebecca Perez

We would like to welcome the following new employees to the District: **Dennis Christensen, Kristin Fletcher, Jeffrey Brown, Mark Mendenhall, and Jud Lee**, Engineering and Construction Division; **Terry Weeks** and **Lynette Giesen**, Programs and Project Management Division; **Eugene Jaramillo**, Kirtland Resident Office; **Connie Dean**, Operations Division; and **James Couey, Robert Koteff, Belinda Carnley, Kenneth Carnley, Kerry Horner, and Mark Wittrock** to our newest resident office at Fort Wingate.

Randall Gleicher will soon join the Information Management Office as an Information Technology Specialist. Randall has been certified as eligible for the People with Disabilities Employment Program. Because of this certification, the District is able to hire Randall non-competitively. This is the second appointment the District has made using the People with Disabilities Program. Rudy Villarreal was hired into the Regulatory Branch under the program as a regulatory specialist and is now a permanent employee at the Pueblo Regulatory Office.

We have several employees who have left the District recently.

Mark Harberg, project manager, left the District last November to accepted a promotion with the Fort Worth District. A luncheon was held for Mark October 31 at Gardunos Restaurant.

Sarah Rahman, Regulatory Branch, accepted a job in the Seattle District's Regulatory Branch as a GS-12 Regulatory Project Manager. She left Albuquerque in the latter part of December for the land of Starbucks and raincoats. A luncheon was given on Sarah's behalf December 12 at El Pinto Restaurant.

Key Merchant, reservoir manager at Trinidad Dam, retired from the Albuquerque District in December. A surprise luncheon was given on Key's behalf at Taste of China Restaurant.

Royce Lackey, who served for many years as the chief of Cost Engineering, retired from the District January 3. A luncheon was given on Royce's behalf at El Pinto Restaurant on January 9.

David Griego a Park Ranger at Abiquiu Lake, left the District in January for a position with the NRCS. A luncheon was given on David's behalf at Rancho de Chimayo

Bill Spurgeon, project manager in PPM, retired from the District on January 3. A farewell luncheon was given on Bill's behalf at El Pinto Restaurant December 18.

Congratulations and farewell to **Orlando Chavez**, Information Management Office, who was commissioned as an Officer in the United States Air Force on December 18. A luncheon was given on Orlando's behalf at The

Cooperage restaurant December 27.

Jim White, chief of Civil Planning and Project Management Branch, retired after many years with the District on January 3.

Tony Gilbert, former chief of Resource Management Office, also retired January 3.

Becky Miner, Operations Division, left the District in January to accept a position with the Corps' Walla Walla District.

Debby Dickens, Contracting Division, left the District in December for a new position at Air Force Research Laboratory located at Kirtland Air Force Base. Cake was served in Debby's honor in the Commander's Conference Room on December 19.

Congratulations and farewell to **Judy Martin**, Security Manager, who will be leaving the District this month. Judy has accepted a promotion with the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command in Alexandria, Virginia. A farewell luncheon will be given on Judy's behalf at Johnny Carino's Restaurant on February 14.

We wish these former employees the best of luck in the future and they will be sorely missed.

We have several new additions to the Corps family to announce. Congratulations to **Tina Serrano** and her husband, Delbert, of Abiquiu, who are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Jeneva Lynn Serrano was born on December 4, weighed 7.2 pounds and was 21 inches long. Congratulations on the new addition to your family.

Congratulations to **Van Truan**, Pueblo Regulatory Office, and his wife, Kristyn, who are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Benjamin Christian Truan, the couple's third child, was born on January 18. Benjamin weighed 4 lbs, 14 ounces at birth. Although a little premature, he is doing very well and is already at home with mom, Kristyn.

Congratulations to **George Sims**, chief of Facilities and Design Section, and wife, **Pam**, who are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Jillian Rose Sims was born on December 22, and was 8 pounds, 2 ounces and 20 inches long. She was cared for right after birth by nurse Karen Hawkins (the wife of Bil Hawkins - one of our structural engineers). She spent six days in the hospital as she has a slight heart problem but she is doing very well right now. Jillian is their seventh child and has four big brothers and two very excited big sisters. Congratulations again to the Sims family.

Congratulations to **Mark Yuska**, who has been selected to join the Reservoir Control Branch. Mark has had experience in the operations of projects on the Rio Grande and Pecos River basins, along with being a member of the URGWOM modeling team the last few years. Most